II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of customizing a user interface, the method comprising:

defining a plurality of groups of users;

recording a use count for a user interface element for each user in a group of users;

obtaining a use weight for the user interface element with respect to another user ~~intereface~~ interface element based on the use counts for the group of users; and

modifying the user interface element for each user in the group of users based on the use weight.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising: defining the group of users to include a plurality of users and to distinguish the group of users from an another group of users by including only users that use an application having the user interface element for a given job function; and associating a server with the group of users.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising: obtaining the use count from each user at the server; and resetting the use count for each user.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising requesting the use count from each user.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising obtaining the use weight from the server at each user.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising requesting the use weight from the server during initialization of the application.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the use weight comprises one of: a neutral value, a positive likelihood value, and a negative likelihood value.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the use weight comprises a byte.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising configuring the user interface element to incorporate use data.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of customizing a user interface, the method comprising:

    defining a plurality of groups of users, each group of users in the plurality to include a plurality of users;

    associating a server with the group of users;

    obtaining a use count for a user interface element for each user in the group of users at the server;

    calculating a use weight for the user interface element with respect to another user interface interface element based on the use counts for the group of users at the server;

and modifying the user interface element for each user in the group of users based on the use weight.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising: recording the use count at a user device for each user; communicating the use count from each user device to the server; and communicating the use weight from the server to each user device.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for customizing a user interface, the system comprising:

    a processor; and

    a memory, the memory including:

        a definition system for defining [[the]] a plurality of groups ~~group~~ of users;

        a communication system for obtaining a use count for a user interface element for each user in a group of users; and

        a calculation system for calculating a use weight for the user interface element with respect to another user ~~intereface~~ interface element based on the use counts for the group of users.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a modification system for modifying the user interface element for each user in the group of users based on the use weight.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a recordation system for recording the use count for each user.

15. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a configuration system for configuring the user interface element to incorporate use data.

16. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the communication system further communicates the use weight to a user device for each user.

17. (Currently Amended) A program product stored on a computer readable medium for customizing a user interface, which when executed comprises:

    program code for defining [the] a plurality of groups group of users;

    program code for obtaining a use count for a user interface element for each user in a group of users; and

    program code for calculating a use weight for the user interface element with respect to another user interface interface element based on the use counts for the group of users.

18. (Original) The program product of claim 17, further comprising program code for modifying the user interface element for each user in the group of users based on the use weight.

19. (Original) The program product of claim 17, further comprising program code for recording the use count for each user.

20. (Original) The program product of claim 17, further comprising program code for configuring the user interface element to incorporate use data.